

PORTFOLIOS

“An organized, purposeful compilation of evidence documenting a child’s development and learning over time . . . like a photograph album that brings back memories for the person involved, shows change over time, and can introduce a new person to what has been. . . . The more you study it the more you see it . . . ” (McAfee and Leong 1994).¹

Examples of what you might include in a portfolio:

- Periodic dated samples of drawings and writings
- Tape recordings
- Pictures
- Lists of books and stories read
- Written observations
- Checklists
- Rating scales
- Parent questionnaires
- Health screening forms

¹ McAfee, Oralie, and Deborah J. Leong. *Assessing and Guiding Young Children’s Development and Learning*. 4th ed. Boston, MA: Allyn-Bacon, 2007.